

# MINOR LEAGUE BASKET WARS RESUME TONIGHT

By GEORGE WHITING

Reed's Polar Kitchen and the Ragsdale Rascals collide in a tussle which may decide the first round Minor division championship race in tonight's final game at Torrance High.

The Polar boys, who are currently in sole possession of the league leadership, are expected to be knocked off their perch by the up-and-coming Rascals. If the Rascals conquer their opponents it will throw the league into a tie.

WALTERIA (17)		REED'S POLAR (39)		RAGSDALE RASCALS (20)		CRENDAWES (31)	
G	FT	G	FT	G	FT	G	FT
Harline, J.	10	10	20	Clark, B.	10	10	10
Burrell, J.	10	10	20	Clark, J.	10	20	10
Hansen, C.	10	10	20	Schellner, C.	10	20	10
Walker, G.	10	10	20	McMahon, J.	10	20	10
Sydney, G.	10	10	20	Strunk, C.	10	20	10
Walters, J.	10	10	20	Hester, G.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Loed, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	McBreen, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Widner, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Hovde, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Walford, C.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Briggs, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Peck, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Carr, G.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Bynum, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Terry, J.	10	20	10
Palos Verdes	10	10	20	Half time: Palos Verdes, 12; Crenshaw, 37.			



HEY, UMPI—Roy Kulp, like baseball umpires everywhere, has heard the familiar "Blind Man" cry. (Herald Photo).

## 'Boo'—Say the Fans 'It's a Kick to be Booed' Umpire Roy Kulp Says

Editor's note: Perhaps you have wondered, as we have done on a number of occasions, just how an umpire feels when he is the object of affection of a thousand or more husky-voiced booing fans. Inasmuch as our sports editor is taking a week-off to frolic in the snow at Big Bear, we thought this would be a good time to ask Roy Kulp (one of the better known umpires who's called many of the games at the Torrance City Park) just how it feels to be booed, how he became an umpire, and a few other questions which you will find answered in the story that follows.

By ROY KULP

Though I wasn't at the top of the ladder, I was moving up. I had been playing ball for about 13 years and was beginning to carve a niche for myself when—bingo, a badly fractured ankle put a sudden end to my ball-playing career.

I couldn't see myself leaving baseball completely—so I took a try at umpiring.

The year following the one in which I broke my ankle I joined the South Jersey Umpire Association of Camden, New Jersey.

I soon discovered that umpiring in the east had certain handicaps—including a "short" season. I yearned for California and its all-year-around ball season.

In those early days it was just as hard breaking into semi-pro umpiring as it was crashing the gates of pro ball. The older fellows had their favorite Saturday and Sunday spots and were not too happy about a beginner crowding them out. I kept plugging at it, however, and soon was receiving calls for my services.

It didn't take me long to discover that if an umpire lets the players know he is running the game and not they, his job is a lot easier. If the ump knows his stuff he soon gains the respect of the players. Oh, sure, there is always a couple of smart guys on any team—same as in any other line. There is one in every crowd. But as a rule an ump gets little trouble from a "nabie" player. In fact I have even been defended by players against the wrath of managers and fans.

After the game the player told me I had called it right.

If an ump has the "guts" to call them as he sees them, especially in the pinches, he will make a good ump—one that is respected year after year.

Since 1925 I have been umpiring ball games and during those 24 years I can truthfully say that I have never been in serious trouble on the diamond. I have had to call some pretty close ones that meant a lot, and win or lose I called them as I saw them.

It is a great feeling to walk onto the field and have some of the players say, "Hi, Roy. Glad you're calling them today."

I have found that the men in blue suits and wearing the short billed hats belong to one of the greatest organizations in baseball. It is one without a blemish, however small, against its reputation in organized baseball.

Well I'll be seeing you—and calling them as I see them. "Son, hand me my white cane. Thank you. Come Rover, 'at'sa nice dog!"

## Y' HOOPS WILL TANGLE

The Torrance YMCA will meet two boys' basketball teams Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Torrance High School gymnasium in the Southern California YMCA Boys' Basketball League.

A practice round of the YMCA-City Recreation League will be held Saturday morning in the gymnasium with the regular schedule to begin Jan. 29. Teams to enter the league are the Streaks Gra-Y Club, 216th Street Gra-Y Club, Pueblo Dons, Greens Gra-Y Club, Gra-Y Wags, Rockets Gra-Y and Aces Gra-Y.

Age classifications for the league will be 14 years and under for Junior division and 12 and under for Midget division. Milton Ibell, YMCA secretary and Elmer "Red" Moon, athletic director of the City Recreation Department, will supervise the play.

Last Saturday Torrance dropped two games to Burbank YMCA, last year's Southern California champions. Other scheduled games for the league will be downtown YMCA at Torrance on Feb. 5, at the 28th Street YMCA building on Feb. 12, and 28th Street Community game to be announced at a later date.

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## Spurt Tops Ventura JC

El Camino (57) Jacobs (14) Corrigan (11) Witt (12) Kennedy (4) Dietrick (7)

## Double Game Waits Sun

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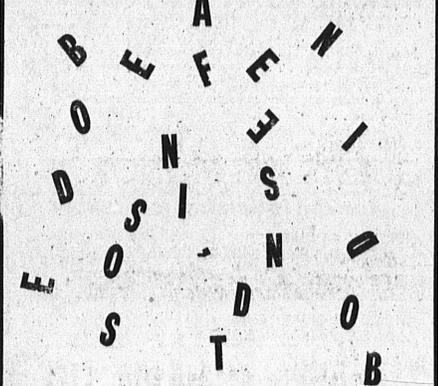
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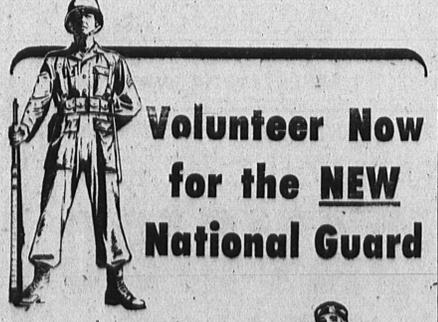
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